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### Education Policy 02-02

<b>Title</b>	244 CMR 6.04(2)(b)3 Waiver Criteria
<b>Purpose</b>	To establish criteria for the waiver of 244 CMR 6.04(2)(b) 3 in the appointment of faculty to Registered Nurse programs for the purpose of clinical or skills laboratory instruction.
<b>Date Adopted</b>	November 20, 2002 Revised June 9, 2004
<b>Policy</b>	<p>It is the policy of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing that prospective instructors who meet one of the three 244 CMR 6.04(2)(b) 3 waiver options specified below, and who are qualified in accordance with regulations 244 CMR 6.04(2)(b) 1, may be appointed to the faculty of Registered Nurse programs for the purpose of clinical or skills laboratory instruction only.</p> <p>The 244 CMR 6.04(2)(b)3 waiver criteria for clinical and skills laboratory instruction include:</p> <p><u><i>Waiver Option 1:</i></u> The prospective instructor possesses an earned baccalaureate degree in nursing and is matriculated in a graduate nursing program with an expected graduation date within five years of the date the Board grants such a waiver and is otherwise qualified in accordance with 244 CMR 6.04(2)(b) 4.</p> <p>A waiver granted under <i>Waiver Option 1</i> will begin on the date the Board grants the waiver and will expire on the date of the prospective instructor's graduation from a graduate-nursing program. Such a waiver will not exceed five years.</p> <p><u><i>Waiver Option 2:</i></u> The prospective instructor possesses an earned baccalaureate degree in nursing and a related non-nursing graduate degree and is otherwise qualified in accordance with 244 CMR 6.04(2)(b) 4.</p> <p>A waiver granted under <i>Waiver Option 2</i> will begin on the date the Board grants the waiver and will extend for an indefinite period.</p> <p><u><i>Waiver Option 3:</i></u></p>

The prospective instructor possesses an earned baccalaureate degree in nursing and possesses a minimum of five years full-time experience or its equivalent within the last eight years, and evidence of competence in the area of clinical instruction. A faculty member qualified under 244 CMR 6.04(2)(b) must be designated to mentor the instructor in accordance with Section III, Education Policy 02-02 Waiver Option 3: Novice Nurse Educator Mentorship, Guidelines for Clinical Learning Experiences, Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing (2004).

A waiver granted under Waiver Option 3 will begin on the date the Board grants the waiver and will expire at the conclusion of the fourth year of employment with the same appointing institution. Upon matriculation in a graduate-nursing program, the Board will extend such a waiver until the date of the instructor's graduation. Such a waiver extension will not exceed five years from the date of matriculation in a graduate-nursing program.

Administrators of approved Registered Nurse programs must apply to the Board for a waiver of 244 CMR 6.04(2)(b) 3. Waiver application forms are available from the Board.

The Board will evaluate this policy within three years of its revision.